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For: OPTICAL PICK-UP APPARATUS,)
RECORDING/REPRODUCING)
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH)
THE OPTICAL PICKUP)
APPARATUS, OPTICAL ELEMENT,)
AND INFORMATION)
RECORDING/REPRODUCING)
METHOD)

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Sir:

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